

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 1147 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - remembering the Battle of the Atlantic and recognizing the sacrifices of our sailors who triumphed so many years ago.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1148 - Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, on behalf of Hon. M. More, Minister of the Public Service Commission - congratulating the Petroleum Resources Team on receiving the 2013 Excellence in Public Service Award.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1149 - Hon. M. Smith, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - recognizing May 4th as Adopt-A-Highway Day in Nova Scotia and congratulate those civil-minded volunteers.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1150 - Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage - congratulating the finalists at the NSCAD Starfish Student Art Awards Gala.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced by the following Members, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 76. An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes,

1989, the Adult Protection Act**(Hon. D. Wilson - Minister of Health and Wellness)****No. 77. An Act to Preserve and Protect Thinkers' Lodge****(B. Skabar - Cumberland North)****NOTICES OF MOTION**

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 1151 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulating Terry Pettipas for providing employment for local residents as well giving freely to community organizers.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1152 - E. Orrell, Cape Breton North - recognizing Motorcycle Awareness Month and supporting the safety campaign so motorists can take advantage of Nova Scotia's scenic drives.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1153 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East - offering sincere condolences to the family of the late J. Albert Ettinger, a former member of the House.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

A moment of silence was observed.

Res. No. 1154 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Metro Boston Pizza Midget AAA female hockey team, their coaches, trainer and manager on winning gold and wish them well in their future endeavours.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1155 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Gilles Babin on his new career and wish him continued success on his future endeavours.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1156 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - calling on the federal Conservative Government to reconsider the changes at Canada Post and stand with the workers, families and small businesses for which this service is vital.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1157 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - applauding the success of the band "Clockwork" representing Nova Scotia's music culture and wishing them every success.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1158 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - acknowledging Bridget Wilson for her achievements as one of Nova Scotia's leaders of tomorrow and congratulate her on her academic achievements.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1159 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Master Seaman Peter Godin on his retirement after 26 years of service.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1160 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating the dedicated team of Bedford Junior High who took part in the University of Waterloo Pascal math competition and wish them perfect scores in future competitions.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1161 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognizing the commitment of Percy Paris in promoting the importance, diversity and the culture of African Nova Scotians internationally and congratulate him on receiving the Tourism Executive of Distinction Award.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1162 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulating Ian McBride of Digby on his medal of bravery and commending him on his courageous efforts.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1163 - G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - join me in extending congratulating the family of Robert Ian "Toomey" MacPherson on his induction into the Glace Bay Sport and Volunteer Hall of Fame.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1164 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Emilee Cress and Hailey Saunders as they played their way to the gold medal round in Junior Badminton Provincials, defeating Bedford at the NSSAF provincials.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1165 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - congratulating the coaches and Richmond Rize Under-18 girls volleyball team for their hard work during the season and wishing them continued success.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1166 - D. Whalen, Halifax-Clayton Park - recognizing Verna Rizg who was recently featured at a Canada National Youth Arts Week event, thanking her for her contribution and wishing her success in her future endeavours.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1167 - G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - congratulating Fred Courtney on being inducted into the 2013 Glace Bay Sport and Volunteer Hall of Fame.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1168 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulating Petty Officer Megan Reekie on retiring after a distinguished career and wishing her well in her future endeavours.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1169 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Sandra Barry for receiving the Heritage Award and promoting the talent of renowned poet, Elizabeth Bishop.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1170 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - congratulating each of the participants of the Pre Entry to Employment Program and wishing them success in their future endeavours.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1171 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - applauding Adi Saric and his team on being victors in our Canadian regionals in geoscience and wishing them the best luck in May.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1172 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Maja and Willem van den Hoek of the Best Dutchman's Cheese for being named finalists in the Canadian Cheese Grand Prix.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 71. House of Assembly Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time. Ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 72. House of Assembly Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. ManningMacDonald and Hon. F. Corbett in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 73. House of Assembly Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. C. d'Entremont. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, on behalf of Ms. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 74. House of Assembly Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time. Ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 75. House of Assembly Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time. Ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. R. Landry, Minister responsible for the Elections Act, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 67. Elections Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen, A. MacMaster and Hon. R. Landry in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 69. Statute Amendments (2013) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster and Hon. R. Landry in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 36. Provincial Court Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that this bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 3. Support for Parents of Critically Ill or Abducted Children Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith

read a third time. Ordered that this bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 42. Pension Benefits Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that this bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 54. Widows' Pension Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson, A. MacMaster and Hon. F. Corbett in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that this bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 57. Language Schools Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson and Hon. F. Corbett in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that this bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 32. Solemnization of Marriage Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that this bill do pass and the title be as read by

the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. M. Smith, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 37. Innovative Transportation Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson and C. Porter. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that this bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

CWH ON BILLS

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bill and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment:

No. 51. Financial Measures (2013) Act

The foregoing bill was ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

M. Raymond, Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bill and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment:

No. 43. Trustees of the Onslow Cemetery Company Act

The foregoing bill was ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, May 3rd at 9:00 A.M.

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

Mr. Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of motion under Rule 5(5). The topic of late debate as submitted by Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North:

“Therefore be it resolved that since the Premier stated in a CTV panel that the power rate Nova Scotians will pay is 8 cents per kilowatt hour, despite Emera saying no rate will be decided until 2017, that the NDP should introduce legislation that forces Nova Scotia Power, and not ratepayers, to be responsible for any costs above 8 cents.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger, C. Porter and B. Skabar.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

The following notices were passed in at the Clerk’s table:

Res. No. 1173 - G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - congratulating the 1968 Olands’ Bay Byes on being inducted into the Glace Bay Sport and Volunteer Hall of Fame for their historic Maritime title.

Res. No. 1174 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulating Bear River Vineyards on their medals for wines at the international wine competition and wishing them success with their vineyards.

Res. No. 1175 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Global Pet Foods for their “Show us Your Heart” event to raise money for animal charities.

Res. No. 1176 - Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating Dylan Fish on being selected as a finalist for the 2013 NSCAD Starfish Student Art Award.

Res. No. 1177 - Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating Mary Ellen Oxby on being selected as a finalist for the 2013 NSCAD Starfish Student Art Award.

Res. No. 1178 - Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating Carrie Allison-Goodfellow on being selected as a finalist for the 2013 NSCAD Starfish Student Art Award.

Res. No. 1179 - Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating Duncan Ferguson on being selected as a finalist for the 2013 NSCAD Starfish Student Art Award.

Res. No. 1180 - Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating Teto Elsiddique on being selected as a finalist for the 2013 NSCAD Starfish Student Art Award.

Res. No. 1181 - Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating Torrance Beamish on being selected as a finalist for the 2013 NSCAD Starfish Student Art Award.

Res. No. 1182 - Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating Danielle Marie (DM) Nowlan on being selected as a finalist for the 2013 NSCAD Starfish Student Art Award.

Res. No. 1183 - Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating Tori Fleming on being selected as a finalist for the 2013 NSCAD Starfish Student Art Award.

Res. No. 1184 - Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating Stacy teBogt on being selected as a finalist for the 2013 NSCAD Starfish Student Art Award.

Res. No. 1185 - Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating Merle Harley on being selected as a finalist for the 2013 NSCAD Starfish Student Art Award.

Res. No. 1186 - L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating the 4-H clubs on their 100th anniversary and commending the Kings County clubs for their role in youth development.